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PENSACOLA, Fla. -- The United Services Military Apprenticeship Program (USMAP) is a federally approved apprenticeship program under the guidelines of the U.S. Department of Labor. USMAP develops highly trained military service personnel who will continue to use their technical skills and knowledge while on active duty. The Chief of Naval Education and Training (CNET) manages USMAP in cooperation with the Department of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training. More than 15,000 Navy, Marine, and Coast Guard apprentices are currently serving on active duty. After fulfilling their military obligation, service members in the program will qualify for employment in sought-after civilian trades, such as carpentry and welding.

To qualify for the USMAP, enlisted service members must be on active duty, have a high school diploma or General Educational Development equivalent, be designated in a rating or military occupational specialty with approved skills and meet the requirements for the journeyman trade.

The benefits of enrolling include recognition of skills learned, documented proof of work experience and related technical instruction, and improved chances of finding full-time employment when entering the civilian sector.

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Completion of the program leads to certification in a designated trade, occupation, or craft and often means starting jobs with higher pay in the civilian workforce. Some colleges may offer credit for completion of the apprenticeship program toward an associate of applied science degree. Individuals who successfully complete the USMAP are issued a certificate of completion of apprenticeship from the U.S. Department of Labor and are considered among the most highly skilled craftsmen in industry. More than 19,000 military members have already received certificates documenting their qualifications as journeymen within their respective trades.

For more information on USMAP, and to see if your rating or occupational specialty is one of the 125 approved trades eligible for this career opportunity program, check with your Command Training Department, Command Career Counselor, Educational Services Officer, or your Marine Lifelong Learning Center. For a complete list of approved trades and further information, visit <http://www.cent.navy.mil/nnaps> or call the automated telephone system at 1-800-NAV-ROTC (1-800-628-7682) and press #3 to access the USMAP. You can also telephone the USMAP office at 850.452.1001 ext. 1817, 1741, 1753, or send e-mail to netpdtc.usmap@cnet.navy.mil.

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